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1. FCO DEPARTMENT HEAD CRAIG TOLD US AFTER RETURN FROM RECENT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING WITH THE ARAB SIDE (LED BY RIAD) HAD FROM THE FIRST ACCEPTED THAT ME PEACE SETTLEMENT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. EUROPEANS ASSUME ARABS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS OTHER (WORLDWIDE) POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

2. SOME ARABS ARE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS DIALOGUE, CRAIG CONFIRMED. AS EXAMPLES HE CITED IRAQIS AND EVEN SAUDIS. HE ASSUMED LATTER DID NOT WISH TO BE BOTHERED, SINCE THEY COULD CALL ON EUROPEAN TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT WILL.

3. PROCEDURAL MATTERS THAT LIE AHEAD INCLUDE DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES AMONG VARIOUS SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS. AS WE MIGHT GUESS, CRAIG SAID, ARAB STATES ARE NERVOUS ABOUT ALLOCATING CERTAIN COUNTIRES TO CERTAIN SUBJECTS. YET ALTERNATIVE OF HAVING REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH COUNTRY ON EACH WORKING COMMISSION WOULD BE VERY CUMBERSOME.

4. FINALLY, A MINOR POINT (REF LAST PARA OF BONN 14454). "COMMISSION GENERALE" MEETING IN NOVEMBER WILL BRING TOGETHER OVERALL COORDINATORS (NOT REGULAR AMBASSADORS TO EC). CRAIG SAID PROBABLY BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE FCO ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY WEIR, IN CHARGE OF ME AFFAIRS.
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